

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An article comprising:  
a base substrate;  
a plurality of receiving loops extending from said base substrate, said  
5 receiving loops including at least one receiving filament;  
a plurality of stiff loops extending from said base substrate, said stiff  
loops including at least one stiff filament having a denier per filament of at  
least about 10 denier per filament greater than the receiving filament of said  
receiving loops.
- 10 2. The article according to Claim 1, wherein said base substrate includes  
a first side and a second side, and wherein said receiving loops and said stiff  
loops extend from the first side of said base substrate.
- 15 3. The article according to Claim 2, wherein said receiving loops are  
adjacent to the stiff loops.
4. The article according to Claim 2, wherein said receiving loops coincide  
with the stiff loops.
- 20 5. The article according to Claim 1, wherein said base substrate includes  
a first side and a second side, wherein said receiving loops are disposed on  
the first side of said base substrate, and wherein said stiff loops are disposed  
on the second side of said base substrate.
- 25 6. An article comprising:  
a base substrate;  
a plurality of receiving loops extending from said base substrate, said  
receiving loops including at least one receiving filament with a denier per  
30 filament of less than about 5;

a plurality of stiff loops extending from said base substrate, said stiff loops including at least one stiff filament with a denier per filament of greater than about 10.

5 7. An article comprising:

a base substrate;

a plurality of receiving filaments extending from said base substrate, said receiving filaments having a denier per filament of less than about 5;

10 a plurality of stiff filaments extending from said base substrate, said stiff loops including at least one stiff filament with a denier per filament of greater than about 10;

wherein said base substrate with said receiving filaments and said stiff loops thereon have an absorbency of at least about 2 grams of water per total gram weight.

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8. The article according to Claim 7, wherein said receiving filaments extend from said base substrate in receiving loops, and wherein said stiff filaments extend from said base substrate in stiff loops.

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